



Virginia Aviation Board Meeting Minutes APRIL 23, 2003

MINUTES OF THE VIRGINIA AVIATION BOARD MEETING – APRIL 23, 2003, 9:00 A.M.
THE IVOR MASSEY BUILDING, RICHMOND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, RICHMOND, VA. 23231

MEMBERS PRESENT

George P. Ramsey, III, Chairman
John G. Dankos, Jr.
Robert H. Neitz
Emmitt F. Yearly
John V. Mazza, Jr.
William J. Kehoe
Roger L. Oberndorf
Bob Johnson

OTHERS PRESENT

Airport Managers, Sponsors, Consultants, Engineers, State Government Representatives, Business Owners, City & County Representatives, and Federal Government Representatives.

The minutes from the February 2003 Board Meeting were approved.

Ms. Jeanie Carter, Safety Officer, DOAV presented the aviation safety report. In the first quarter of 2003, there had been five accidents (5 fatalities): February -- 0 and March -- 5. Ms. Carter discussed upcoming safety events including AOPA Seminars in May.

Mr. Terry Page, FAA, announced they are changing the way they handle the reimbursable agreements that are used for FAA to relocate it's navigation aids and FAA owned facilities in the way of airport development. The reimbursable agreements must now be signed up front before the project will be looked at. This mostly will impact air carrier and the larger relievers. AIP reauthorization (Air 21 expires September 30th) they are now working on these updates to follow at future meetings.

Mr. Charles Macfarlane, Director, DOAV, asked Cherry Evans; DOAV to discussed some of the promotion and marketing activities. Copies of our latest aeronautical chart and centennial brochure were given to the board along with marketing material provided by Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport. She also gave the board updated information on activities of the "Wright Flyer" schedule including the Rockefeller Center Display (July 28-August 17), a scheduled test flight at Mr. Mazza airfield in late May early June, and the first public flight at Chesterfield County Airport as well as being flown at Dinwiddie. She also discussed the annual Virginia Aviation Conference which will be held in Richmond (OMNI Hotel) August 20 - 22, 2003. The Sponsor Guides are in the process of being updated; hopefully they will be ready for distribution at the August conference.

Mr. Macfarlane announced completion of the Bond Defiance, which will add additional dollars for allocation, a brochure is being designed by Cliff Burnette, DOAV, to assist airports with land use issues and Keith McCrea, DOAV, is working closely with the airlines to help protect air service and employment issues are addressed. Jim Bland is working on program to consolidate and coordinate all airport inspections to help the Department be more efficient. Roger Bowling, DOAV, will be setting up a new program to review financial reports from the airports for statical data information.

Mr. Keith McCrea briefed the board of SATSLab. See minutes from the workshop. A promotional piece should be ready by the June meeting to help explain the inter working of the SATS program.

Mr. Macfarlane summarized the budget cuts. \$8.7 million plus \$2.3 million withdrawn by the tax department = \$11 million cut.

Mr. Peter Ramsey announced he had received a very favorable summary report from Auditor of Public Accounts for ending June 2002.

Mr. Jim Bland gave a short update on the General Aviation Voluntary Security Certification Program. This program was established in 2002. April 2003 the board approved criteria for specific funding for infrastructure and security plans. A letter was forwarded to John Hagar, Assistant to the Governor for Emergency Preparedness, who chairs homeland security. Monies allocated for this program were disapproved by the General Assembly. The FAA (Terry Page) offered funds to help implement this program. (See workshop minutes) As part of the criteria the resolution approved at the April meeting, re: reimbursement to airport sponsors who have already developed their security plan will or will not be reimbursed, because of budget issues this will be addressed at the June meeting.

The attached memoranda from Mr. Swain and Ms. Evans describe the projects and funding that were approved by the Board.

A request was recommended by the Department to pull all TA's that have not been put under grant prior to our February 18, 2003 meeting. A motion was made and approved by the board that only projects (Commonwealth Airport Funds) in fusa and green (update attached) that were giving tentative allocation prior to February 18th, 2003 be pulled if not under grant by May 16, 2003. These sponsors will have until May 16, 2003 to get their projects under grant or the allocations will be pulled. The board asked the Department to send a letter and please call the sponsors to remind them of this deadline.

A resolution for modifying funding criteria for Maintenance Equipment Storage Buildings was voted on and approved by the board.

Chairman Ramsey then called for Board member reports.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Attachments